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## House of Representatives

The House met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
December 27, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LUKE MESSER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Benjamin Hogue, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, now that the songs of the angels are stilled and the star in the sky is gone, the kings and princes are home and the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of our holiday begins.

Help us to find the lost and heal the broken. Empower us to feed the hungry and release the prisoner. Guide us to rebuild the nations and to bring peace among all.

Show us that cooperation and reconciliation are true gifts to share.

As Your love guides us toward a new year, with grace and mercy as our companions, make Your presence known in our work for all our neighbors and for justice for all.

We give You thanks for this day and the blessings we receive.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 1180, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 21, 2018.

Speaker PAUL RYAN,  
The Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PAUL RYAN, Serving as the Congresswoman from New Mexico's First Congressional District has been one of the greatest honors of my life. However, I will be sworn into office as the Governor of New Mexico on January 1, 2019 at 12:01 a.m.

Therefore, I am resigning my Congressional seat effective December 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.

Sincerely,  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM,  
*Member of Congress.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, December 21, 2018.

Governor SUSANA MARTINEZ,  
Office of the Governor,  
Santa Fe, NM.

DEAR GOVERNOR MARTINEZ, Serving as the Congresswoman from New Mexico's First Congressional District has been one of the greatest honors of my life. However, I will be sworn into office as the Governor of New Mexico on January 1, 2019 at 12:01 a.m.

Therefore, I am resigning my Congressional seat effective December 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.

Sincerely,  
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM,  
*Member of Congress.*

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(b) of House Resolution 1180, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2018.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 31, 2018, at 10 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7291. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Reynold N. Hoover, Army National Guard of the United States, for placement on the Army Retired Reserve List, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7292. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting a report titled, "Transfer of Surplus Firearms to Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety", pursuant to Public Law 115-91, Sec. 1091(d); (131-1608); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7293. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, U.S. Army, Department of Defense, transmitting a notice to Congress of the anticipated use of Selected Reserve units that will be ordered to active duty, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 12304b(d); Public Law 112-81, Sec. 516(a)(1); (125 Stat. 1396); to the Committee on Armed Services.

7294. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 03-19, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

7295. A letter from the Associate Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Removal of Final GINA Wellness Rule Vacated by Court [EEOC-2018-0005] (RIN: 3046-AB02) received December 20, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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